

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 5,623,679.

Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer concurrently herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Paragraph 6 of the Office Action states "the following chart provides correspondence between the claims of the application and the claims of the patent." Applicants note that the claims of the present application find support widely throughout the present application, and incorporated priority documents, and are not limited to the correspondence shown in the chart of paragraph 6.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the

outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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